

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF ELECTRICAL APPEALS

January 9, 2007 - 3:00 p.m.

**OFFICE OF CENTRAL INSPECTION
CITY HALL, 455 NORTH MAIN
OCI CONFERENCE ROOM, 7th FLOOR**

Chairman Roy Meinhardt called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm, with Board members Dale Johnson, John Whittit, Harold Ragland, Dave Urban, Shane Chapman and Secretary Tom Kerschen present. Board member Jerry Addington was absent. Also present was Inspectors Mike Hood and Steve Schauner.

The minutes of the December 12, 2006 meeting were read. Board member Whittit made a motion the minutes be approved as written, it was seconded by Board member Ragland and approved.

The recent examination results from Thomson Prometric for electrical examinations administered by their office for City of Wichita approved applicants were presented to the Board. The results were as follows:

APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT NUMBER	EXAMINATION CLASSIFICATION	EXAMINATION RESULT
Jason Wohlgemuth	0374	Electrical Journeyman	Failed
Kristopher Warren	3306	Elevator Journeyman	Failed

One (1) Master Electrician and three (3) Journeyman Electrician examination applications were reviewed for approval to be administered the appropriate examination for certification. The results were as follows:

NAME	NUMBER	CLASSIFICATION	ACTION
Rickey Lee Applegate	6822	Master	Approved
Nick Wernecke	4647	Journeyman	Denied
Isaza Hill	6989	Journeyman	Approved
Travis Honey	9336	Journeyman	Approved

Under part A of the new business section of the agenda, the Board welcomed Ben Boesen with Otis Elevator. Otis Elevator is requesting a clarification on the location of the Fire Controller panel. At 2395 N Somerset, Somerset Apartments, Otis Elevator modernized the 2

elevators that included adding Fire Controller panel in each elevator. Otis Elevator installed the Fire Controller panel (FCP) off to the side of the main Control Operations Panel (COP). Ben Boesen stated he did not feel that location was a violation of the code, but was sent a violation notice from inspector Mike Hood. Mr. Boesen went on to say that he feels the building owner should have the option of where the FCP should be installed. Mr. Boesen said the job to modernize the elevator was awarded to Otis Elevator in 2005, prior to the adoption of the 2004 Elevator Code but he did not take out the permit until March of 2006, as he did not want the permit to expire before the job was completed.

Inspector Mike Hood explained to the Board that ASME A17.1-2004 code requires the Fire Operation, Call Cancel, Door Open and Door Closed buttons, the additional visual signal and the operating instructions to be grouped together at the top of the main car-operating panel behind a locked door.

The Board thanked Mr. Boesen for his time and explained that they would discuss this interpretation later in the meeting and Secretary Kerschen would notify him in writing as to the Board's decision.

Secretary Kerschen gave the Board a copy of an email sent by David McColl, engineer for Otis Elevator, stating in part; "I am a member of the A17 Standards Committee and the A17 Emergency Operations Committee. I think the panel installed in the subject building meets the intent of 2.27.3.3.7... It is my intention to seek clarification from the committee at our next meeting, and if necessary, to propose a revision to the current working to clarify its intent, so that a literal reading does not unnecessarily restrict installers from providing a safe and effective FF panel."

Secretary Kerschen also gave the Board copies of emails sent by Lawrence Taylor, Elevator Inspector State of Texas; Jack Day, Chief Elevator Inspector State of Washington and Mike Dorosk Elevator Inspector City of Houston, stating they would not consider the FCP installed at Somerset Apartments to meet the code.

Mr. Hood told the Board he talked to Captain Schowalter with Fire Prevention and they did not have a problem with the location of the FCP at this particular address.

After a long discussion on the wording of the code language and the different emails received by Secretary Kerschen, Board member Johnson made a motion that the interpretation is the Fire Operation Controls shall be directly above the Control Operation Panel and not more than 72 inches above the floor or part of the Control Operation Panel above the public accessible buttons and not more than 72 inches above the floor. This allows the indicators to be installed above the Fire Operation Controls. Should an existing elevator not allow for the Fire Operation Controls to be installed as stated, a different location will be allowed ONLY if pre-approved by the City Code Official, as defined in Title 19, and the Fire Marshall or his representative. By such an interpretation that the installation by Otis Elevator does not meet the code, but to grant them a one-time variance to allow the Fire Controller panel as installed. This motion was seconded by Board member Chapman and was approved 5-0. Board member Ragland was not available at the time of the vote.

There was no other business listed on the agenda.

Board member Whittit made a motion to adjourn. Board member Chapman seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

The time was 4:14 pm.

Tom Kerschen, Secretary,
Board of Electrical Appeals